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Phil. Apr. 26th or 7th 60.
 I had it in mind to begin, "Myself & my friends", thinking of the dear little note that came because it could help on the other day wh. rather puzzled me a little. The note suggests in it standing out as solitary as birds shot off from a glacier. But I came to the conclusion that my true friends thought the adventures were not such as the - the perils of a fairy tale or any one whom a fleet shipper would - Say they have a mine & history - I have never called a children's story but am safe in saying - I am lover of my kind & feel that no such vast self-expression

the best from the worst of us -
standing myself in an odd
position of course I laugh
if it's possible - Is it necessary
to gather up one's petticoats
to be respectable always?
save that to vulgar persons -
One who won't state of
grace can't sin, & one who
won't can't do anything but
sin. (Pardon, as one of the
foredoomed if I come under
the last category.) However be
it good the thing that each
does - that is an old doctrine
of the Calvinistic theology -
but divinely true notwithstanding -
& you, if you do find Theology
dear see thro' it.

The news
about Mr. Lofth is certainly
amazing - I thought he'd

that Church were a double
Cherry - Louse, people
singing call. Be sure he
has some altar object
men travel, not be a "foot
pounder" indeed & a man
so evangelically bound up
as he. — The parable
from wh. I am trying hard
to rev. is a distasteful book -
with none of God's Sunshine
in it - low in its thoughts & in
act - low in its morality
tho' that is its special aim.
I want to flip it into next
week as the next generation
will flip it into last.
Ah - yes time is near - many
mean. how delightful it
would be to spend a week in
Strawberry time with you (do
you know how Phil. overlaps

How gorgeous on the artist
of cream? - but it seems now
almost impossible - I am
anxious to get home as early
as I can on every sects. - but
can't I stop for a day & tell
you? Will you have me for
a day, wh. means 4 day & a
night? - Models - my too
dear little Abby are not
usually got anywhere on these parts
but I wd. like to test or I have
told D. T. on this respect - I
had got so vexed & weary with
my search that I cd. not but
take into favorable consideration
a proposition of Miss H. Smith
that I shd. Altman with her
to Rome & later Gibson's studio
which is - It seems to me
it is utterly impossible to work
in any but a very restricted &
small way here, if only the
ignorance wd. let us the

beauty & sacredness of the human form! - I lift - naked
out of the present and look on the past - I will my darling
& keep her as I can - the present is the past - I will my darling
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